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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| Applicant | : Vishnu K. Agarwal | Attorney Docket No. | : 500431.04 (29634/US/3) |
| Serial No. | : 09/910,661 | Group Art Unit | : 1763 |
| Filed | : July 20, 2001 | Examiner | : George A. Goudreau |
| Title | : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ENDPOINTING A CHEMICAL-MECHANICAL PLANARIZATION PROCESS | | |

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Sir:

Applicant requests continued examination, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, of the above-identified application.

Applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) for a one-month extension of time for filing the response to the Office Action dated June 18, 2003, from September 18, 2003, to October 18, 2003. Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$880.00, which includes \$110.00 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.

1. Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☒ Submission previously submitted
 - i. ☒ Consider the amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed

on August 15, 2003.

- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
- iii. ☐ Consider the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) previously filed on _____.

b. ☐ Submission enclosed

- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

2. Suspension of Action (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

- ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ____ months.

3. Accompanying Papers

- ☒ Postcard
- ☒ Check
- ☒ Fee Transmittal Sheet
- ☐ Petition

4. Deposit Account

- ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required in the above-identified patent application to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.

Respectfully submitted,

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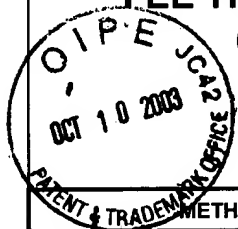
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FEE TRANSMITTAL SHEET (FOR FY 2004)



| Complete if Known | |
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| Application No. | 09/910,661 |
| Filing Date | July 20, 2001 |
| First Named Inventor | Vishnu K. Agarwal |
| Group Art Unit | 1763 |
| Examiner | George A. Goudreau |
| Atty. Docket Number | 500431.04 |

FEE CALCULATION (Continued)

| 3. ADDITIONAL FEES | | | | | |
|---------------------|----------|--------------|----------|--|---------------|
| Large Entity | | Small Entity | | Fee Description | F paid |
| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | | |
| 1051 | 130 | 2051 | 65 | Surcharge - Late filing fee or oath | \$ |
| 1052 | 50 | 2052 | 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | \$ |
| 1053 | 130 | 1053 | 130 | Non-English specification | \$ |
| 1812 | 2,520 | 1812 | 2,520 | For Filing a Request for <i>ex parte</i> Reexamination | \$ |
| 1804 | 920 | 1804 | 920 | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | \$ |
| 1805 | 1,840 | 1805 | 1,840 | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | \$ |
| 1251 | 110 | 2251 | 55 | Extension for reply within first month | \$ 110 |
| 1252 | 420 | 2252 | 210 | Extension for reply within 2 nd month | \$ |
| 1253 | 950 | 2253 | 475 | Extension for reply within 3 rd month | \$ |
| 1254 | 1,480 | 2254 | 740 | Extension for reply within 4 th month | \$ |
| 1255 | 2,010 | 2255 | 1,005 | Extension for reply within 5 th month | \$ |
| 1401 | 330 | 2401 | 165 | Notice of Appeal | \$ |
| 1402 | 330 | 2402 | 165 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | \$ |
| 1403 | 290 | 2403 | 145 | Request for oral hearing | \$ |
| 1814 | 110 | 2814 | 55 | Terminal Disclaimer Fee | \$ |
| 1452 | 110 | 2452 | 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | \$ |
| 1453 | 1,330 | 2453 | 665 | Petition to revive - unintentional | \$ |
| 1501 | 1,330 | 2501 | 665 | Utility/Reissue issue fee | \$ |
| 1502 | 480 | 2502 | 240 | Design issue fee | \$ |
| 1503 | 640 | 2503 | 320 | Plant issue fee | \$ |
| 1460 | 130 | 1460 | 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | \$ |
| 1807 | 50 | 1807 | 50 | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) | \$ |
| 1806 | 180 | 1806 | 180 | Submission of IDS | \$ |
| 8021 | 40 | 8021 | 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | \$ |
| 1801 | 770 | 2801 | 385 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | \$ 770 |
| Other fee (specify) | | | | | \$ |
| Subtotal (3) | | | | | \$ 880 |

Total Amount of Payment: \$ 880

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